

CORRECTION OF A MISIDENTIFICATION—
ATTACUS *SPLENDIDUS*.

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In the revision of the genus *Attacus* by Mr. Neumoegen and myself (Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc. II, 122), we recognized two species as possibly occurring in the United States, *erycina* (*splendidus*) and *zorulla*. Recently in comparing Cramer's plate 68 A with Maassen and Weyermer's figs. 32 and 34, both of which are given by Kirby under the references for *erycina*, I find that the species is an entirely different one from that which we had before us and described under that name. The misidentification is an old one. In the first volume of *Entomologica Americana* is a comparison of the two species in question, from which it is obvious that the "*splendidus*" there referred to is the same as the one in the Neumoegen collection, namely *orizaba* Westwood. Later in the same journal, Mr. Neumoegen is quoted as stating that *splendidus* and *orizaba* were identical; but Mr. Neumoegen had never seen the figures of *splendidus*, and depended upon his collection. Probably the inclusion of *splendidus* in Mr. Grote's list of 1882 is based on the same misidentification, and it may even prove traceable back to Clemens in 1860. Our species should stand:—

***Attacus orizaba* Westwood.**

- 1853—Westwood, Proc. Zoöl. Soc. Lond. p. 158, pl. 32, fig. 2.
- 1860—? Clemens, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phil. 160 (as *splendidus*.)
- 1882—Grote, Check List, p. 20 (as *splendidus*.)
- 1884—Murtfeldt, Can. Ent. XVI, 131 (as *cinctus*.)
- 1885—Hulst, Ent. Amer. I, 78 (as *splendidus*.)
- 1885—Neumoegen, Ent. Amer. I, 160 (as *splendidus*.)
- 1891—Smith, List Lep. p. 31 (as *splendidus*.)
- 1894—Neumoegen and Dyar, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc. II, 122 (as *erycina*.)

As to our other *Attacus*, recorded from Arizona, *A. zorulla* Westw., I believe that it has a much more extended synonymy than that given by us. *A. betis* Walk., *A. arethusa* Walk., *A. bolivar* Maass. & Weym., *A. maurus* Burm., *A. cinctus* Tepp., and *A. speculum* Maass. & Weym., are among the forms which seem to be synonyms or local forms of *zorulla*. This matter will, however, find a more suitable place of treatment when the whole genus is monographed.